

SECRETARY HAZEL O'LEARY,
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

HON. MIKE WARD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 20, 1995

Mr. WARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Secretary Hazel O'Leary and the job she has performed at the Department of Energy. Under her leadership, the Department has undergone a major organizational transformation that has already saved money and enhanced Government performance.

One step toward these goals was taken by developing a first-ever strategic plan, which created a framework and shared vision for the Department's missions in national security, energy resources, weapons site cleanup, and science and technology.

A major overhaul was initiated of the Department's contracting practices, which will yield billions of dollars in savings through increased competition and performance-based contract management.

Under Secretary O'Leary's leadership, the first independent post-cold war review of the Department's 10 national laboratories was commissioned and now the Department is aggressively implementing recommendations that will reduce the costs and help sustain their long record of scientific discovery and technological innovation. This action will help to ensure long-term economic growth.

These actions and others are helping Secretary O'Leary and the Department of Energy to meet the goal of reducing the Department's budget by \$14.1 billion over 5 years. This is just the kind of leadership that the Department of Energy, as well as all of Government needs to ensure efficient and productive expenditure of our tax dollars.

MILITARY-CIVILIAN COLA INEQUITY

HON. WES COOLEY

OF OREGON

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Mr. COOLEY. Mr. Speaker—as a veteran of the Korean war and a member of the Veterans Committee—I rise today to address the issue of COLA inequity between military and civilian retirees. In 1993, Congress voted to delay COLA payments for veterans.

By delaying the inflation index for veterans, President Clinton was able to give more money to other programs. This is wrong. When an employer breaks a contract, penalties are paid. Our Government made a contract with our veterans—and our veterans have fulfilled their part of the contract.

We must pay them for their service. Given the sacrifices that veterans make to preserve our freedoms, it is simply wrong for politicians to raid their pensions. Mr. Speaker, this Congress did not create COLA inequity—but we have a moral duty to fix the problem.

TRIBUTE TO JESSE A. BREWER

HON. JULIAN C. DIXON

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. DIXON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my friend Jesse A. Brewer, a trailblazer who valiantly served his country as a decorated military officer, police officer with the Chicago and Los Angeles Police Departments, and as a member of Los Angeles Police Commission. Commissioner Brewer died on November 19, 1995.

A native of Dallas, TX, Jess Brewer was born on October 21, 1921. He began his undergraduate work at Tuskegee Institute, where he met his wife, the former Odessa Amond, also a student at the university. Brewer was required to temporarily discontinue his education when he was called to serve in the U.S. Army during World War II. In 1943 Jess attended Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, GA, and was commissioned as a 2d lieutenant upon graduation. He would later complete his undergraduate work at Shaw University. His distinguished military career spanned 33 years of active and reserve duty. During World War II he attained the rank of Army captain. After the war he became a reserve officer, retiring in January 1976 at the rank of colonel. Brewer's decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantry badge and two Campaign Ribbons. In 1977 Jess Brewer earned a master's degree in public administration from the University of Southern California.

Brewer began his career as a police officer with the Chicago Police Department in 1947. Brewer left the department in 1952, discouraged by discriminatory hiring and promotion practices. He joined the Los Angeles Police Department in 1952 after applying to the LAPD twice. His first application was rejected on a technicality, an event Brewer attributes to racism. Brewer acquired a great deal of experience through his assignments at the LAPD, which included patrol, vice, traffic, homicide, and burglary investigation. He was promoted to sergeant in 1958, but could only act as an undercover investigator at that time because department rules did not permit African-Americans to supervise white. Later, as barriers to supervisory provisions were removed, Brewer held several command assignments at the rank of Commander.

In 1981 he was promoted to deputy chief and served as commanding officer for the area encompassing south-central Los Angeles from 1981 to 1987. As deputy chief, Brewer garnered praise for pioneering law enforcement innovations such as new officer deployments, which placed more officers in minority neighborhoods as the gang crisis intensified. November 19, 1987, he was promoted to the rank of assistant chief by then-Chief Daryl Gates, where he directed the activities of the Office of Administrative Services and was responsible for all support functions of the LAPD. Chief Brewer's accomplishments were recognized throughout the country, as demonstrated by his selection as technical adviser to the Emmy Award-winning television series "Hill Street Blues"—a series widely praised for its realism and technical accuracy. He also was widely regarded as an ideal candidate to succeed Chief Daryl Gates as the LAPD's top

officer. Assistant Chief Brewer retired in 1991 as the highest ranking African-American in the history of the department.

Four decades as a LAPD officer gave Brewer a firsthand look at the problems of the department, whose name over the years had become synonymous with the harsh treatment of Los Angeles residents. It was this intimate knowledge of the LAPD that led to his July 1991 appointment to the Los Angeles Police Commission, where he was praised for bringing stability and credibility to the commission. In August 1991 he was elected vice-president of the commission and a year later was elected President of the Commission. While a commissioner, Brewer served on the Budget, Deployment, and Riot Investigation Subcommittees and chaired the intelligence subcommittee.

Commissioner Brewer's wealth of experience and compassion also prompted the Christopher Commission to request his testimony during that commission's investigation of brutality and racism at the LAPD. Although it was Gates who promoted Brewer to the rank of assistant chief, that fact did not prevent Commissioner Brewer from giving a frank assessment of the problems within the LAPD. In testimony before the Christopher Commission, Brewer revealed the excessive force, rudeness, and disrespect had been "out of control" for years. He ultimately recommended that Chief Gates resign, and strongly pushed for the appointment of Willie L. Williams, Los Angeles' first African-American police chief. Commissioner Brewer left the Los Angeles Police Commission in 1993.

Throughout his career, Brewer served as a board member of several prestigious public and private organizations, including the President Commission on Organized Crime and the National Advisory Committee Task Force on Disorder and Terrorism. He also served as a Governor-appointed member of the board of directors of the California Museum of Science and Industry, and the Los Angeles Coliseum Commission. Commissioner Brewer's many honors include the 1988 NAACP Judge Thomas L. Griffith Legal Award and the Ricky Bell Humanitarian Award. In 1990 he was an honoree at the National Association of the Black Military Officers' dinner and was a lifetime member of the NAACP.

Mr. Speaker, Los Angeles mourns the loss of a great public servant. His commitment, dedication, and gentlemanly demeanor will be sorely missed by us all. I ask you to join me, Mr. Speaker, in paying tribute to a fine officer, a true gentleman, and a good friend, and in expressing our heartfelt condolences to his wife Odessa, his sons, Jesse, Jonathan, and Kenneth, and their families.

CORPORATE AMERICA BENEFITS FROM AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

HON. LOUIS STOKES

OF OHIO

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Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, on October 26, 1995, the Executive Leadership Council and Foundation held its seventh annual recognition dinner in Washington, DC. The Leadership Council is comprised of African-American executives of Fortune 500 companies. I had the